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Appln. Serial No.: 09/914,176

Attorney Docket No.: 78104.028

Filing Date: 24 August 2001

Applicant(s): FRENCH et al.

Title: **IDENTIFICATION OF BACTERIA BY AMPLIFICATION AND PROBING****TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND STATEMENT**
REGARDING PETITION TO REVIVE

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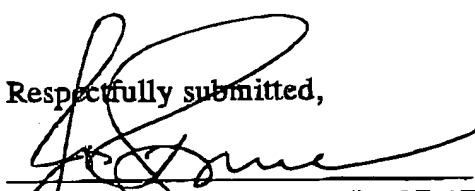
Transmitted herewith is a true and complete copy of the Petition to Revive (and its attachments) which was mailed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Box PCT, on 03 December 2002. A copy of the date-stamped return receipt postcard, bearing the PTO/PCT stamp, is also enclosed.

Applicants respectfully request that the Petition to Revive be considered, that the Notification of Abandonment be withdrawn, that the documents submitted herewith be entered into the application, and that the application be placed in line for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned counsel, Joseph T. Leone, Registration No. 37,170, hereby declares that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which the attached documents are directed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required to process this petition or to comply with the Notice to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

Respectfully submitted,


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To the Commissioner:

Applicants respectfully submit that the Notification of Abandonment dated November 21, 2002 in the above-identified application was issued in error. As detailed herein, Applicants responded completely and in a timely fashion to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated October 22, 2001. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Notification of Abandonment be withdrawn, that the documents submitted herewith be entered into the application, and that the application be placed in line for examination on the merits.

FACTS & BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF PETITION

Applicants filed the subject application on August 24, 2001. On October 22, 2001, the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office ("the Office") mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements under §371 ("the Notice"). The Notice indicated that Applicants needed to file a signed inventors' declaration and to supply a Sequence Listing in both paper and computer-readable format. The Notice set a two-month period for response. Thus, a response to the Notice was due on or before December 22, 2001.

On November 13, 2001, Applicants filed a complete response to the Notice with the Office. A true and complete copy of Applicants' response is attached hereto as Exhibit A. Applicants' response included a transmittal letter, a copy of the Notice, a fully executed

inventors' declaration, a Statement That "Sequence Listing" and Computer Readable Copy Are The Same," a paper Sequence Listing, a computer readable copy of the sequence listing, and a check (No. 005415) in the amount of \$65. Applicants are also submitting herewith a computer disk copy of the Sequence Listing.

A self-addressed return receipt postcard accompanied Applicants' response. As of the date of this petition, the postcard has not been received by Applicants' counsel. Applicants' undersigned counsel has also reviewed his financial records and as of the data of this petition, check No. 005415 has not been paid. Thus, it appears that the Office never received Applicants' response.

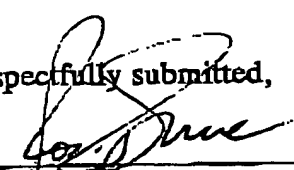
Applicants' counsel notes that at the time Applicants' response was filed, there was considerable turmoil in the U.S. Postal Service due to the September 11 attacks and the ensuing anthrax mailings. It is thus almost certain that Applicants' response was destroyed by the Postal Service in its efforts to eradicate any trace of anthrax in the mail. Applicants and Applicants' counsel, however, did make a complete and *bona fide* attempt to comply with the Notice, as evidenced by the attached documents.

Applicants therefore respectfully petition and request that the Notification of Abandonment dated November 21, 2002 be withdrawn, that the documents submitted herewith be entered into the application, and that the application be placed in line for examination on the merits. Early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned counsel, Joseph T. Leone, Registration No. 37,170, hereby declares that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which the attached documents are directed. I further declare that the attached Exhibit A is a true and complete copy of Applicants' response filed in the subject application on November 13, 2001, and that said response was, in fact, filed on November 13, 2001.

A replacement check in the amount of \$65 is attached hereto to cover the cost of complying with the Notice. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required to process this petition or to comply with the Notice to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

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Appln. Serial No.: 09/914,176
Filing Date: 24 August 2001
Applicant(s): FRENCH et al.

Attorney Docket No.: 78104.028

Title: **IDENTIFICATION OF BACTERIA BY AMPLIFICATION AND PROBING**

**TRANSMITTAL OF MISSING PARTS OF
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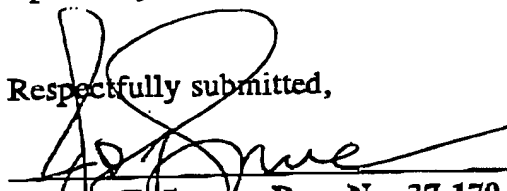
In response to the Notice of Missing Requirements which was mailed on 22 October 2001, enclosed are the following documents for filing with the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application:

1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney, executed by the applicants on September 18, 2001, September 21, 2001 and September 28, 2001.
2. Sequence Listing in paper and computer readable format.
3. Statement that Sequence Listing and Computer Readable Copy are the Same and Include No New Matter.

A check for \$65 is enclosed to cover the fees associated with this communication. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2055.

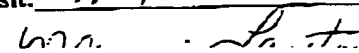
Having now complied with all of the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, applicant respectfully requests that this application be placed upon the files for examination.

Respectfully submitted,


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- the computer readable form, however, does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.822 and/or 1.832, as indicated on the attached marked-up copy of the "Raw Sequence Listing."
- The computer readable form that has been filed with this application has been found to be damaged and/or unreadable as indicated on the attached CRF Diskette Problem Report. A substitute computer readable form must be submitted as required by 37 CFR 1.825(d).
- **APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE:**
 - An initial or substitute computer readable form (CRF) of the "Sequence Listing."
 - An initial or substitute paper copy or compact disc of the "Sequence Listing," as well as an amendment directing its entry into the specification.
 - A statement that the contents of the paper or compact disc and the computer readable form are the same and, where applicable, include no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b) or 1.825(d).
- For questions regarding compliance to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 requirements, please contact:
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ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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PART 1 - ATTORNEY/APPLICANT COPY

U.S. APPLICATION NUMBER NO.	INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	ATTY. DOCKET NO.
09/914,176	PCT/GB00/00740	78104.028

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): FRENCH et al.

Atty. Docket: 78104.028

Title:

IDENTIFICATION OF BACTERIA BY AMPLIFICATION AND PROBING

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Each undersigned inventor hereby declare(s) that:

- My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.
- I believe that I am, in conjunction with any joint inventor(s) named herein, the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **IDENTIFICATION OF BACTERIA BY AMPLIFICATION AND PROBING**, the patent application for which was filed as PCT international application number **PCT/GB00/00740** on 01 March 2000, was amended on 05 March 2001, and which is amended by a preliminary amendment filed with this document.
- I reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified patent application, including the specification and claims, as amended by any amendments referred to above.
- Foreign priority benefits are claimed under Title 35, U.S. Code §119(a)-(d) or §365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below. Also identified below are any foreign applications for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application for which priority is claimed.

<i>Application No.</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Day/Month/Year</i>	<i>Priority Claimed</i>
PCT/GB00/00740	PCT	01 March 2000	YES
GB 9904804.3	GB	02 March 1999	YES

I APPOINT the following registered practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all related business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: Joseph T. Leone (37,170), Craig A. Fieschko (39,668), Charles S. Sara (30,492).

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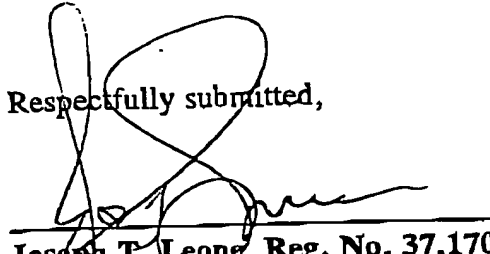
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Enclosed is a statement that the content of the paper copy of the "Sequence Listing" and the "Sequence Listing" in computer readable form are the same as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.821(g).

The paper copy of the Sequence Listing submitted in this application is identical to the computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing being submitted herewith.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments with respect to the above-referenced application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments relating to this application to deposit account number 18-2055.

Respectfully submitted,

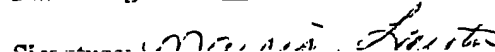

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